

### ABSTRACT

A cleaning device (1, 1') for printing cylinders of rotary presses is provided. The cleaning device includes a guide rail (2), mounted generally parallel to the printing cylinder, and a washing device (4) is guided on the rail so as to be longitudinally displaceable. The washing device (4) has at least one rotationally driven cleaning brush (8) with at least one axis of rotation arranged approximately parallel to that of the printing cylinder. The washing device (4) is held on a longitudinal side of the guide rail (2) facing the printing cylinder so that the washing device can move, and the axis of rotation of the at least one cleaning brush (3) is arranged between planes formed by a top side and a bottom side of the guide rail (2). The cleaning device (1) has a space-saving and compact design and can be mounted in a rotary press even where there is little space, for example in the vicinity of adjacent printing cylinders.